

Tallil Times

407th Air Expeditionary Group, Ali Base, Iraq

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IN BRIEF _

Avoid deliquency charges

There are two avenues to file accrual vouchers to prevent deliquency charges on your government travel card. Visit the finance office here or go to https://www.my.af.mil, then click on "Top Viewed Items," click on "Virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF)," verify your e-mail address, go to bottom right "Helpful Hints," click on "Accrual Travel Voucher," click on 'Fill Out Request' on the left side of page and fill out the document. For more information, call finance at 445-2227.

Help avoid AC problems

Tents aren't well insulated and evaporating cooling units have limited capability. So when the temperatures are high during the day, the inside temperatures will also be higher. Do not adjust ECU controls. The majority of malfunctions are due to customers attempting to adjust the temperature dial. This causes the unit's coils to freeze. Frozen coils can't be replaced here, so to fix the unit, it must be turned off and allowed to thaw, which can take hours. If you have any problems, call civil engineering customer service at 445-2237 anytime of the day or night.

Water pickup for units

Units requiring bottled water can pick it up at the main distribution point in the south parking lot of Bedrock City. The utility shop can deliver for special functions where larger than normal water consumption is expected (Memorial Day activities, etc...) If you have any questions regarding water delivery and distribution, contact civil engineering customer service at 445-2237.

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Photo by Maj. Thomas Niichel

Airman 1st Class Mitchell Zipprich (far left), 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Detachment 2 assigned to the Directorate of Public Works here, and an Army solider (standing) squeeze off a few practice rounds on a .50 caliber machine gun attached to a humvee in the desert surrounding Ali Base. The vehicle is used to provide protection for the joint crew of Air Force and Army civil engineers that travel outside the perimeter to improve conditions for Army members and locals.

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

407th AEG Public Affairs

utside the wire

Air Force civil engineering troops work as one team with Army soldiers to fix, build, maintain and improve Camp Adder/Ali Base and Iraqi communities

It's a job typically performed by their Army counterparts, except in their case there isn't a counterpart to call.

They're one team of Air Force and Army engineers, or in Army lingo the Directorate of Public Works.

The DPW here is a crew of civil engineers comprised of active duty and guard Air Force and Army officers, noncommissioned officers and Airmen from throughout the United States.

They work on everything from constructing new facilities to designing waste water treatment facilities to installing electric power nodes.

"In short, if you need a construction project done, we do it all," said Maj. Thomas Niichel, DPW at Camp Adder/Ali Base and 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron Detachment 2 deputy commander who is deployed from the 240th Civil Engineering Flight, Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

The Air Force Airmen assigned to the DPW are also assigned to the 732 ECES, which is a unique squadron headquartered

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407th AEG CC speaks out about his top priorities

Top 3 priorities

• Focus on the mission

Leave Ali Base better than when

Continue great relationship with

Army and Coalition partners

In any journey or endeavor it's always best to start out with a destination or end state in mind. For an aero-

space expeditionary forces deployment, our destination or ends are the priorities and goals for the rotation. Along these lines I want to discuss the main priorities I've established for this rotation.

The most important of these is to focus on and successfully execute the mission. As members of the 407th we are charged with

maintaining airfield facilities, conducting theater airlift and providing security for Ali Base. But this merely scratches the surface of our mission. We are all a part of history in the making as the 407th goes about training members of the new Iraqi Air Force and supporting reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

In short, your efforts are helping create a new nation built upon democratic principles that will hopefully become a model for the region. And this applies no matter where your duty location may be. From working in a supply warehouse, to pa-

trolling the perimeter or supporting our
Airmen at the Hot Spot, or providing
instruction to Iraqi mechanics and flight
crews, each of you is contributing to

the overall reconstruction effort.

Therefore, it's important to become acclimated to your new work environment as rapidly as possible. The first few weeks of any deployment can be somewhat hectic as you adjust to new job demands, surroundings, climattic conditions and a time change

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As you settle into your surroundings, it's important to establish a deployment routine, also known as a battle rhythm. In the case of your deployment to Ali Base, this would involve getting into a work,

exercise and rest routine.

At the same time carve out one day for yourself each week for down time and set some professional and personal goals. I

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Col. Michael J. Nowak 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander

we found it

A glaring reminder of what OIF is about

Maj. Robert W. Jackson

777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

777th EAMXS work beside Iraqi Airmen and hear about sacrifices on their families and friends

Nine Samurai warriors from the 374th Maintenance Group, Yokota Air Base, are currently deployed here supporting the stand-up of Squadron 23, the first post-war era Iraqi Airlift Squadron.

These airmen are engaged in a unique and historic undertaking. Working side-by-side with Iraqi coalition partners, these Yokota Airmen have developed a deep respect and professional admiration of their Iraqi counterparts. The daily commitment of Iraqi Airmen in the face of incredible challenges personifies the Air Force core value "service before self."

Iraqi Airmen leave their families in Baghdad for weeks at a time to train on newly-gifted C-130E aircraft; Squadron 23's new flagship. Meanwhile their families are left in the chaotic and dangerous neigh-

borhoods of Baghdad. Thoughts and concerns for family left behind weigh heavy on Iraqi Airmen's hearts.

Moreover, these Airmen brave danger and the threat of violence against them and their families for serving in the military and cooperating with the Coalition. Two weeks before the Yokota Airmen arrived for their rotation, the brother of an Iraqi navigator was killed by insurgents. This was punishment for the navigator serving in the post-war Iraqi Air Force.

Iraqi Airmen lead a "double life." Most tell lies to friends, neighbors and even some family about where they go and what they do. This is necessary to protect them and their families from the actions of insurgents.

These Iraqi airmen brave all for their country. They risk all for a chance to build a free and stable Iraq. In talking with one Iraqi officer I asked him, "What motivates you to take such risks?"

He replied, "It was a dream of mine to go back to the Air Force after the war. I never thought it was possible. When I had the opportunity to go back, I consulted with my father."

His father said, "You have to go back. It is the right thing to do.

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The Tallil Times

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Wire: 732 ECES Airmen risk their lives helping Iraqi people achieve a higher quality of life

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at Balad Air Base, Iraq. It has more than 325 personnel stretched out over 12 detachments throughout U. S. Central Command.

Airmen in the 732 ECES augment Army or Marine units and provide civil engineering expertise and support in Iraq.

"The Air Force brings a unique engineering capability not usually found in the Army," said Col. Mike Flood, DPW at Base Camp Adder / Ali Base and 732nd ECES/Det 2 commander and installation engineer, who is also deployed from the Colorado Air National Guard at Buckley AFB.

"Our team here is truly joint with 10 Air Force and five Army personnel.

"We work as one team; every Airmen and soldier is focused on building a small city while ensuring we are mission capable and take care of each other."

Airmen get a close-up appreciation of Army life

Working outside the normal Air Force experience has been an eye-opener for Senior Airman Larry C. Washington, DPW and 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron/Det 2 draftsman/surveyor deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

"The Army personnel that we go to help sometimes don't even have hot meals regularly. They live in rough conditions (at rural posts helping the Iraqi people rebuild their lives)," said Airman Washington.

Although not as realistic as living in the field, the Airmen get a small taste of what life is like in the Army prior to their deployments.

Members of the 732nd ECES must attend three-weeks of combat skills training stateside where they learn convoy techniques, weapons operations and close-quarters fighting skills before they head to Udari Range, Kuwait for another week of training.

All the time spent away from their family doesn't count against their deployment time. The DPW Airmen here have been in country since January.

Making a difference 'outside the wire'

Part engineer and humanitarian enthusiast, the seamless crew have worked 'outside the wire' on more than 50 missions in the past three months installing water supply pumps and electricity, paving roads and helping the locals maintain their water canals.

And, they still manage to find time to help to deliver tents to locals and coordinate medical attention for injured Iraqi children.

One memorable job for Airman Washington was installing electricity in an Army-sponsored doctor's office located about one and half hours south of the town of An Nasiriyah.

Prior to their visit, the doctor was examining and providing health care to local children without lighting and temperatures soaring above 100 degrees. The Army stationed there didn't have a washer and their bathroom facilities were out houses.

"After the job was finished, the Army lieutenant colonel coined us," said Airman Washington. "It felt good, because I knew I made a difference to him."

For Airman 1st Class Mitchell Zipprich, also an engineering draftsman/surveyor assigned to the DPW and 732 ECES/Det 2 deployed from Ellsworth AFB, he knows he's making a difference when he looks outside the humvee window driving to remote locations.



(Left) Airman 1st Class Mitchell Zipprich, 732nd **Expeditionary Civil** Engineering Squadron/ Detachment assigned to the Directorate of Public Works here, Senior Airman Larry C. Washington (right), also assigned to the DPW, and (middle) Jan Noppen, KBR contract employee, monitor a Trimble unit used to gather information from the global positioning satellite. Both Airmen often travel off base to help the Iragi people rebuild their lives

"The news portrays us as the bad guys and that we are treating Iraqis wrong," said Airman Zipprich, who hasn't even been in the military for two years yet.

"That's not true. We're building it back up to turn the country over to them.

"They live in old abandoned tents. We are over here doing something; it's not just all for the American people," Airman Zipprich said.

The DPW adopted a local teacher and supply him with pencils and pens so he can teach his students.

"Little children flock to the vehicle like you're a celebrity, but you don't see that on the news."

Curbside appeal

The DPW currently have 162 projects in various stages of design or funding and 25 projects in execution. Although some of the projects don't directly affect the Air Force stationed here, they do immediately impact the quality of life for the Army.

"The DPW crew does an outstanding job providing construction support and service to the Army folks. They've become so good at speaking the Army language, most of the time, we don't even notice they are Air Force," said Army Lt. Robert McElhaney, who works closely with the DPW.

DPW recently renovated six buildings to include the mosque, installed morale phone trailers and several other morale, welfare and recreation projects, and much more.

Getting down, dirty

Often taking on unglamorous jobs, the crew recently built new waste water treatment lagoons and repaired water supply canals to benefit all members here.

"It may not look as good as some of the other bases in theater but in spite of the looting that took place prior to OIF, this base is quickly developing into a very capable logistics base," said Colonel Flood.

Some information obtained from 1st Lt. Keith Boyea, Multi-national Task Force-Iraq and Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs.

Priorities: You're presence here is helping to shape the future of Iraq

encourage you to stop by Services and see what they have to offer at the Big Top, Muscle Beach and the library, or get involved with squadron intramurals. Check out the education office and CLEP those courses you need for your Community College of the Air Force degree or work on your professional military education. Or get involved in the various chapel offering to improve your spiritual life. Don't sit in your tent and wish time away. Pursuing a goal while deployed helps you pull through your deployment one day and one week at a time.

Once you've established your battle rhythm, look for ways to improve processes and leave Ali Base better than when you found it. Start simple. If the continuity book for your section is in disarray or doesn't exist, create one. The facilities, services and even the processes in your organizations have evolved with each AEF rotation. Take the initiative to improve your workspace and make suggestions on how we can improve the living conditions and lifestyle for those not only on this rotation but for succeeding ones. Remember you're turning this base over to another group of warriors in just four months who will benefit from your improvements just as you are benefiting from improvements made by those served at Ali Base before you.

Lastly, take advantage of the experiences of our sister services and coalition allies. I strongly encourage you to meet with soldiers and Marines assigned to Camp Adder to learn about the way they do business and get to know what matters to them most. Similarly, seek out our coalition allies and learn more about how they are supporting the reconstruction efforts. You'll find that most of them are as curious about American Airmen and culture as you are about their cultures. Finally, be respectful to our Iraqi allies and hosts at Ali Base. You'll find we are more alike than we are different. In addition, we all have a common goal in helping the Iraqi people gain the freedom they deserve and make a better future for their youth and themselves.

You are members of the most capable and respected Air and Space Force in the history of warfare. Your presence here is helping shape the future of Iraq and making a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people.

Take pride in yourselves, work hard and take advantage of this deployment to become better Airmen.

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Sacrifice: Iraqi pilot speaks out about why he risks life,

families from the actions of insurgents."

- Mai. Robert W. Jackson

777th EAMXS

If good people like you do not go back to the military, the bad people will."

The Iraqi officer went on to say, "Before, when an Iraqi would say they were in the

military to serve the people or because "Iraqi Airmen lead a "double life." Most tell they loved their coun- lies...necessary to protect them and their try, it would be a lie.

"Most people served in the military for their personal

benefit or for the benefit of high ranking commanders.

"Now, for the first time military service feels like an honor. Loyalty to country feels more like a reality," he said.

His friends come up to him, not knowing about his present activities and urge him to go back to the military.

He said they tell him, "Iraq needs good people like him in the military to help ensure a good future. I long for the day when it is safe enough for me to tell them with pride that I am in the military and have been working all along to achieve a better future for

The dedication of Iraqi Airmen such as this impresses me. Their self-sacrifice personifies the highest military principles

and values. It is an example to all U.S. Air Force Airmen and a glaring reminder about what Operation Iraqi Freedom is all about. It gives us a vision of what we are sacrificing for...why we leave love ones behind for extended deployments and why we risk danger accomplishing a tough mission in a hostile environment. It's the vision of freedom and hope for a better tomorrow that drives us all.

IN BRIEF -

New PERSCO hours

Effective May 30, PERSCO (personnel support for contingency operations) hours will change to 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays thru Saturdays, and on-call for emergencies Sundays. PERSCO is located across from the base exchange in Bedrock City. For more info, call PERSCO at 445-2917/2716.

Signs of heat stress

Be aware of symptoms of heat injury: nausea, vomiting, change in mental status (acting bizarre), lightheadedness, dry mouth, rapid pulse, loss of balance. In spite of the fact that the heat stress is still relatively low for this region, it is still hot and most people are not adapted to hot climates. Protect yourself and be someone's wingman. Use sunscreen, wear a hat and most importantly drink lots of fluids. Please note that if your skin is red, that is a first degree burn and not a precursor to a tan.

Reflective Belts

Air Force personnel assigned to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group must wear their reflective belts when outside Tent City during hours of darkness or reduced visibility, unless they're wearing the new PT gear. This includes uniforms, old PT gear or civilian dress. Personnel who need reflective belts should contact their unit's supply representative.

Weekly mask inspection

Remember to clean and inspect your chemical mask weekly. The instructions are in the Airman's Manual on page 206 through 212. For more info, contact 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering readiness section at 445-2603 and 2224

Off Duty Education

The Learning Skills Center here offers CLEP, DANTES, Excelsior, CDC, ACSC, SOS, Air War College Testing and more. They're open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday with evening testing available by appointment. For more info, call at 445-2131/2468.

Ali Base's professional organizations

First Four council

The First Four is a professional organization comprised of Airmen through the rank of E-1 to E-4, who are dedicated to sharing their education and background to improve the experience for Airmen deployed to Ali Base. **President:** Senior Airman Eric M. Rackard, 407th Expeditionary Security

Forces Squadron, at 445-2232

Vice President: Senior Airman Joshua D. Cota, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at 445-2150

Meeting are normally scheduled for every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel annex

Elections are 6:30 p.m. June 1 at the chapel annex.

Focus 56

Focus 56 is a professional organization of junior ranking noncommissioned officers in the rank of E-5 to E-6, who are a critical link between Airmen and senior leadership with the ability to affect positive change at Ali Base.

President: Tech. Sgt. Reginald J. Ellis, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, at 445-2753

Vice president: Tech. Sgt. Michael T. Shimkus, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron, at 445-2609

Meetings are scheduled for every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the chapel annex

Focus 56 is seeking volunteers to work water stations during the Memorial Day run.

For more information, contact Sergeant Shimkus at 445-2696.

Top 3

The Top 3 is a professional organization of senior-ranking noncommissioned officers in the rank of E-7 to E-9 who provide a forum for the group's senior enlisted members to meet, discuss and effect positive change on issues and policies concerning the group and its members.

President: Master Sgt. Jennifer Smith, 407th Expeditionary Operations

Support Squadron at 445-2322.

Vice President: Master Sgt. Charles Sears, 407th Air Expeditionary Group antiterrorism/force protection at 445-2464

Treasurer: Senior Master Sgt. Adam Marks, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at 445-2041

Secretary: Master Sgt. Mark Atlow, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron at 445-2603

Meetings are scheduled for 3 p.m. every other Wednesday at the chapel annex.

Elections are 3 p.m. June 1 at the chapel Annex.

First Sergeant's Council

The First sergeant is an organization for first sergeants to discuss the morale, health and welfare of enlisted troops and ways to better the quality of life on Ali Base.

President: Master Sgt. Ricardo Ramirez, 777th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, at 445-2109

Vice President: Master Sgt. Strother Brown, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron first sergeant at 445-2492

Secretary: Master Sgt. Yolanda Russell-Steward, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron first sergeant, at 445-2235

Meetings are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. every Monday at group conference room.

HMSW Committee

The committee is open to all Bedrock residents to improve the Health, Morale, Safety and Welfare of Ali Base residents. The committee is comprised of civil engineering, services squadron, force protection and chapel representatives, and the 407th Expeditionary Group superintendent.

Meetings are scheduled for 8 a.m. every Tuesday at the Hot Spot Lounge. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Todd Kern, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, at 445-2083

Ali Speaks



Senior Airman Mandy Baker, 407th ECES "Watching movies with my tent mates."



Tech. Sgt. Mike Radke, 407th ESVS "Trying to take care of everyone through Service's programs."

What is your favorite thing to do here?



Senior Airman Henry Rios, 407th AEG PERSCO "Going to Muscle Beach."



Airman 1st Class Jarrod Miller, 407th ESFS "Going to the gym."

Sister, brother renuite at SWA base



Photos courtesey of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing

Sibling rivalry: score 6 to 1

Left and below: In an effort to even the deployment score with her brother, one Airman travels to the Southwest Asia Area of Responsibility and briefly meets up with her sibling. Airman 1st Class Theresa Hochstein, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron supply technician, gives her brother Staff Sgt. Mathew Hochstein, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment, an unexpected hug at a main operating base in the SWA AOR recently prior to her flight here. Airman Hochstein is deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and Sergeant Hochstein is deployed from Offutt AFB, Neb. This is his sixth deployment and her first. The siblings are natives of Hartington, Neb. and have four other brothers.

By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

407th AEG Public Affairs

One Airman here got quite a surprise when she got off the plane in a main operating base in Southwest Asia in transit to her final destination here.

It was the smiling face of her brother Staff Sgt. Matthew Hochstein, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment technician, who is deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

"I mentioned to him that I was going to stop there (and gave him my plane's mission number) but I didn't expect for him to be waiting for me at the bottom of the stairs when I exited the plane," said Airman 1st Class Theresa M. Hochstein, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron supply technician, who manages the self help warehouse here.

Planning to call him later that night when the group of Airmen she was traveling with was dismissed to rest prior to their next flight, the encounter was the first meeting the siblings had since Christmas 2004.

Considering this is her first deployment in her two-year tenure with the Air Force, Airman Hochstein stocked up on advice from her big brother who has been deployed five other times in his military career.

"He told me about some of the things he saw during his past deployments and that gave me a better idea of what I was getting into," said Airman Hochstein, whose job is to supply CE personnel as well as other organizations on base with the tools they need to maintain and improve their work areas.

While there, Airman Hochstein took her brother along with her to the base exchange to purchase a few last minute things.

"He said for me to get the little stick up air fresheners, said Airman Hochstein, who deployed from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho. "I didn't understand why until I got here.

"These tents are really old; the air fresheners really help because if you put them in the air vent then the whole tent will smell good."

Airman and Sergeant Hochstein are the only two out of six children who are in the military.

"I was nice to see him and that he was doing well. I've always looked at the challenges I've faced in my career as "if Matt can do it, so can I."

And what does her brother think about his little sister deploying to one of the world's hot spots.

"I thought it was a good thing because now she gets to meet new people, travel the world and see many different things and cultures," Sergeant Hochstein said.

And although she has traveled a world away from her hometown of Hartington,

Neb., her family is always close in her thoughts.

"We've always had a close family, and I'm the farthest away," she said. "I have five brothers, and they mean the world to me."

And what does she tell her protective brothers back home who are worried about their little sis serving in Iraq?

"I tell my friends and family that this is a chance to really make difference, and this is one of those sacrifices that you can see the direct affect that is has on so many people," Airman Hochstein said.

Some information obtained from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs.







Photos by Master Sgt. Mark Bucher

Shake your groove thing

(Left) The dance troop Polynesian Paradise perform for Air Force and Army troops May 18 at the Big Top. The two day tour, which started May 17, highlights a dancer whose husband, Capt. John Naki, is with Hawaii National Guard's 29th Brigade in Kuwait. Polynesian dance originated with early Hawaiians. Lacking a written language, they passed down legends from generation to generation in the form of chants and stories. Laka, the Goddess of the Forest, is said to have given the hula to man as another form with which he could pass these legends down.

Memorial Day Fun Fest activities

5K run/walk: 7a.m., meet at south entry control point behind Big Top. First place awarded \$50, 2nd place awarded \$25 (two age groups: 18-34 male and female and 35 and over male and female.

4-on-4 volleyball tournament: 8:30 a.m., meet at the volleyball court. First place awarded \$100, single elimination, best of two of three, rally scoring. Sign up no later than Sunday noon at Muscle Beach counter.

Ping-Pong: 9 a.m. Foosball: 10:30 a.m. Pool: 1 p.m.

All indoor game tournaments listed above are awarded \$50 for first place. Sign up no later than Sunday noon at the Hot Spot counter. **Memorial Day picnic:** Starts at 11 a.m., hamburgers and hot dogs will be served on first come, first serve basis.

Bench Press competition: 2 p.m. at Muscle Beach Fitness Center. First place awarded \$50 in two categories: male and female. Sign up no later than Sunday noon at the Muscle Beach counter.

Dodge ball: 4 p.m. at the Big Top. First place awarded \$125 to last team standing. Teams of five, sign up no later than Sunday noon at the Muscle Beach counter.

2-Ball Basketball tournament: 6 p.m. at the basketball court. First place is awarded to team, single elimination. Sign up no later than Sunday noon at the Muscle Beach counter.

Combat bingo: 8 p.m. at the Big Top. Press your luck option, could win up to \$500. Ten games each worth \$50.

Variety night: following bingo until 11 p.m.



A village in need

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips

Col. Michael J. Nowak, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander, hands over donations from the group staff to Master Sgt. Troy L. Rames, 407th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, for the Air Force Enlisted Village assistance fund. Chief Master Sgt. Susan D. Ferguson, 407th AEG superintendent, also donated to the cause. The Air Force Enlisted Village's primary goal is to offer housing and financial assistance to widows and surviving spouses of retired Air Force enlisted members. Due to Hurricane Ivan, the village is need of \$300,000 for construction and repairs. Donations are voluntary. People who wish to contribute can contact their first sergeant, Master Sgt. George Young, 407th EOSS at 445-2519, Master Sgt. Todd Tureskis, 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at 445-2600, Staff Sqt. Walter Anderson, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron at 445-2521, Airman 1st Class Derek Anderson, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron at 445-2715 or Sergeant Rames at 445-2064. Donations of cash, checks (made payable to the ACC Enlisted Programs) or base exchange pogs are accepted.

New force protection condition alarm signals

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MOPP READY: This condition is used to signify that NBC protection equipment must be ready and available in a specified amount of time. I.e., Ready 15 would require all NBC equipment be available to individual in 15 minutes, Ready 5 would mean all NBC equipment be available to the individual in 5 minutes

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(Left) The alarm signal chart has been approved by the installation commander for use on Ali Base/ Camp Adder. For more information on force protection cautionary measures or issues, contact the antiterrorism/ force protection office at 445-2465. If you see anything suspicious on base, report it immediately to 911 and tell your coworkers and supervisors. Individuals can also alert the command post at 445-2000, law enforcement desk at 445-2232 or the Coalition Defense **Operation Center** at 445-2308.

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KNOW WHAT THIS IS? Each week, the "Tallil Times" staff takes a photo from around Ali Base. If you can identify the object and location, shoot us an e-mail at: tallil.times@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil. with "Identify This" in the subject block. The person who contacts public affairs first with the correct information wins. The winner is awarded a FREE t-shirt or coin donated by the 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron. Congratulations to Maj. Carl Alvarez, 407th Air Expeditionary Group antiterrorism/force protection officer who correctly identified last week's Tallil Times photo of potted dead grass in front of tent F14.

Muscle Beach

For further

instructions on these

Uniform conditions

see 122 FRAGO 018.

Today, Yoga, Wednesday, Taebo, 5:30 a.m. 5:30 a.m.

Thursday, Tai Chi, Saturday, Open

5:30 a.m.

Sunday, Open

lower conditions,

except IPE must be

worn at all times when

outside of any

structure/building.

May 27, Yoga,

Monday, Taebo,

5:30 a.m.

5:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Tai Chi,

5:30 a.m.



407th AEG Warrior of the Week Staff Sgt. Eric L. Danielson



Unit: 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron **Home unit:** 366th Security Forces Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Why other warriors say he's a warrior: He created a user-friendly vehicle status chart that allows logistics and operations to obtain vehicle status info during critical shortages and priority issues.

What is your most memorable Air Force experience: Training with the Army Black Hawks at a deployment to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras

Hobbies: Riding my 2000 Harley Davidson Buell X1 and yard work

Family: Wife, Jana; son, Tyler, six months old; Otis, the beagle; and Sam, the cat.

Just for Fun

Presented by the 407th ESVS

Tonight, Combat Bingo, 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Spades, 8 p.m.

Sunday, PS2/ESPN-NFL football, 2 p.m.

Monday, Memorial Day funfest

Tuesday, Open

Wednesday, air hockey, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Thursday, 8-ball, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

June 3, Combat Bingo, 7:30 p.m./movie after



Cricket Movie Theater

Today



8 a.m., Bridget Jones, The Edge of Reason (2), Starring Hugh Grant, Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth. A British woman is determined to improve herself while she looks for love in a year in which she keeps a personal diary.



11 a. m., Hitch, starring Will Smith and Eva Mendes. While helping his latest client woo the lady of his dreams, a professional date doc finds "game" doesn't quite work on the gossip columnist with whom he's smitten



2 p.m., Coach Carter, starring Samuel L. Jackson. Jackson plays the controversial high school b-ball coach who benched his undefeated team due to their poor academic record in 1999.



5 p.m., Incredibles, starring Samuel L. Jackson, Craig T. Nelson and Holly Hunter. A family of undercover superheroes, trying to live the quiet suburban life, are forced into action to save the world.



8 p.m., National Treasure, starring Nicholas Cage and Diane Kruger. A treasure hunter is in hot pursuit of a mythical treasure that has been passed down for centuries, while his employer turned enemy is on the same path.

Saturday

8 a.m., Hitch 11 a.m., Coach Carter 2 p.m., Incredibles 5 p.m., National Treasure 8 p.m., Bridget Jones 2

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Monday

8 a.m., Incredibles 11 a.m., National Treasure 2 p.m., Bridget Jones 2 5 p.m., Hitch 8 p.m., Coach Carter

Tuesday

8 a.m., National Treasure 11 a.m., Bridge Jones 2 2 p.m., Hitch 5 p.m., Coach Carter 8 p.m., Incredibles

Wednesday

8 a.m., Bridget Jones 2 11 a.m., Hitch 2 p.m., Coach Carter 5 p.m., Incredibles 8 p.m., National Treasures

Thursday

8 a.m., Hitch 11 a.m., Coach Carter 2 p.m., Incredibles 5 p.m., National Treasures 8 p.m., Bridge Jones 2

June 3

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Spirtual survial gear



Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.

<u>Sunday</u>

7:30 a.m., Catholic Confession at chapel/chaplain's Office **8 a.m.**, Roman Catholic Mass at chapel

8 a.m., Church of Christ Service at religious activity center

9:30 a.m., Traditional Protestant service at chapel 10 a.m., Latter Day Saints service at Army RAC

10:30 a.m., Roman Catholic Mass at Camp Cedar

12:30 p.m., Gospel service at Big Top

6 p.m., Contemporary Praise Team rehearsal at chapel **7 p.m.,** Contemporary Worship

Monday

service at chapel

6 p.m., Weekday Mass at chapel

7:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal at Big Top
7:30 p.m., Discipleship Bible study/fellowship at chapel
7:30 p.m., Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage at chapel



Tuesday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at chapel

Noon, Church of Christ lunch/ study at RAC

7 p.m., Right of Christian Initiation of Adults/chapel annex

7:30 p.m., Bible study (Book of Acts) at chapel

Wednesday

5 p.m., Catholic choir rehearsal at chapel

6 p.m., Weekday Mass at chapel

8 p.m., 40 Days of Purpose Bible study at chapel annex (starts June 1)

Thursday

7 a.m., Weekday Mass at chapel

6:30 p.m., Catholic Choir Rehearsal at chapel

7 p.m., LDS study at Army RAC

7:45 p.m., Gospel Service Bible study at chapel

Friday

11:45 a.m., Islamic prayer at Army RAC

6 p.m., Weekday Mass at chapel

6:30 p.m., Jewish Service at RAC

7 p.m., Church of Christ Bible study at RAC

7:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal at chapel

Saturday

5:30 p.m., Catholic confession at chapel/chaplain's Office **6 p.m.,** Catholic Vigil Mass at chapel

7 p.m., Contemporary Praise Team rehearsal at chapel

nspirational moments... Puppies for sale

store owner was tacking a sign above his door that read "Puppies For Sale." Signs like that have a way of attracting small children and sure enough, a little boy appeared by the store owner's sign.

"How much are you going to sell the puppies for," he asked?

The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30 to \$50."

The little boy reached in his pocket and pulled out some

"I have \$2.37," he said. "May I please look at them?"

The store owner smiled and whistled, and out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his store followed by five tiny balls of fur. One puppy was lagging considerably behind.

Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The store owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and had discovered it didn't have a hip socket.

It would always limp. It would always be lame.

The little boy became excited.

"That is the little puppy that I want to buy."

The store owner said, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you."

The little boy got quite upset. He looked into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger, and said, "I don't want you to give him to me. That dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for."

The store owner countered, "You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies."

To this, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the store owner and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so good myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!"



ake a moment to call or write a loved one today and tell them how much they mean to you.